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 LUBRICATION SYSTEM

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COMMENT REGARDING EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF
 REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

On page 2 of the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has summarized the oil recovery system of the sealed lubrication system as including an oil tank which is divided by a porous baffle plate. It is assumed that the Examiner recognizes that the invention as defined in Claim 1 does not require a porous baffle plate, and that this feature is recited only in Claims 2 and 13.

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